

I understand that the FCC is looking for comments on Echostar's use of satellites at 61.5 and 148 to add additional local channels. I am a Dish Network dealer. I live in a rural area in the Buffalo, NY DMA. My customers would be happy to get just one local channel from any satellite location. Every time the cable companies raise their rates I get more phone calls. When I tell them that they not only can not have locals, but the government wouldn't even let them have distant networks, they grumble and say that they will have to stick with cable. If it wasn't for must-carry more DMA's would have locals and DBS would be a better competitor for cable. The NAB claims they want competition, except when you want to import another affiliate into their DMA. Then they don't want competition.